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Weekly Views

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner

“Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” ~ Lou Holtz

Friday, August 15, 2008

Congratulations to Westville Correctional Facility and their ERO team who donated \$1000 to the annual FED EX Plane Pull competition, which raises funds for the Special Olympics. They pulled a 73 ½ ton Boeing 727 a distance of 12 feet from a dead stop in only 4.746 seconds, beating 53 other teams to take the gold!

Volunteers from the Pendleton First United Methodist Church held their first monthly Unit Sponsor Activity with cadets and staff from the Future Soldiers program. The theme for the gathering was “building good relationships.” Since the initiation of the Future Soldiers program, two of the graduates have been accepted into the Armed Forces and several others are currently involved in the enlistment process.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility held a fundraiser this week by selling Papa John’s pizza to the residents. The total amount of money raised was \$695.10 and was distributed between the facility’s Toastmaster club, the Mozel Sander’s Foundation, the PREF Parenting Department, and the April Wills Foundation.

Miami Correctional Facility hosted a camera crew from the Services for the Visually & Hearing Impaired recently who did a story on the Miami Braille Project for the show “Focus on Independence.” The story will air on the local public access cable channel in Grant County all during the month of October.

Pendleton Correctional Facility/CMS RN Michelle Vandagriff and LPN Linda Fahl were first responders to an auto accident in Pendleton while they were on their lunch break. The nurses rendered assistance to an unresponsive man in one of the vehicles until emergency medical services arrived at the scene.

The Leadership Perry County group purchased and donated approximately 60 children’s books, valued at over \$400, to the Read to Me program at Branchville Correctional Facility. Offenders participating in the parenting program will be videotaped reading the books, and they will send the tape home for their children to watch.

The Indiana Women's Prison Community Outreach Program crocheted and donated over 100 sets of hats, scarves, and mittens for the Centenary Christian Church. The items will be given to needy children in the area for Christmas.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center recently held a “Sloppy Dog” (sloppy joes and hot dogs) sale to raise money for local schools in need of supplies. \$299.78 was raised during the two-day sale!

Five students at the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility passed the requirements for the GED exams.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility Horticulture Aquaponics program recently harvested a variety of herbs and vegetables to be donated to the Operation Love Food Bank in Anderson. Since the first of the year, the program has donated approximately 350 pounds of produce and 30 pounds of tilapia fish to that organization.

The generous staff of the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility helped fill over 6 boxes full of spiral notebooks for The Villages 2008 - Kids Can't Wait campaign!

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility celebrated its two year anniversary of the charter of the Toastmaster’s Urban Unity Gavel Club. The Urban Unity Gavel Club was the first chartered Toastmaster’s International club in the state of Indiana.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Superintendent Brett Mize spoke to the Noblesville Kiwanis Club on Wednesday. Superintendent Mize presented an overview of the facility and Executive Assistant Jack Binion provided information relative to the facility’s Shifting Gears Program.

The Correctional Industrial Facility is donating a total of \$1,069 to The Villages. This includes staff and offender donations and \$140 worth of donated “Mug Money.”